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Jetsgo fiasco grounds HHSS band

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Disappointment. That's the common sentiment among members of the Red Hawks Jazz Ensemble these days.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School band had qualified for the "MusicFest" finals, a national music competition that is being held in Vancouver this May. Students saw their west coast dreams vanish when they learned of the demise of Jetsgo, the now defunct discount airline they had planned to fly with. They could not get such a low fare on any other airline.

"There's just way too much money to raise now in such a short amount of time," says Tom Regina, the band's music teacher.

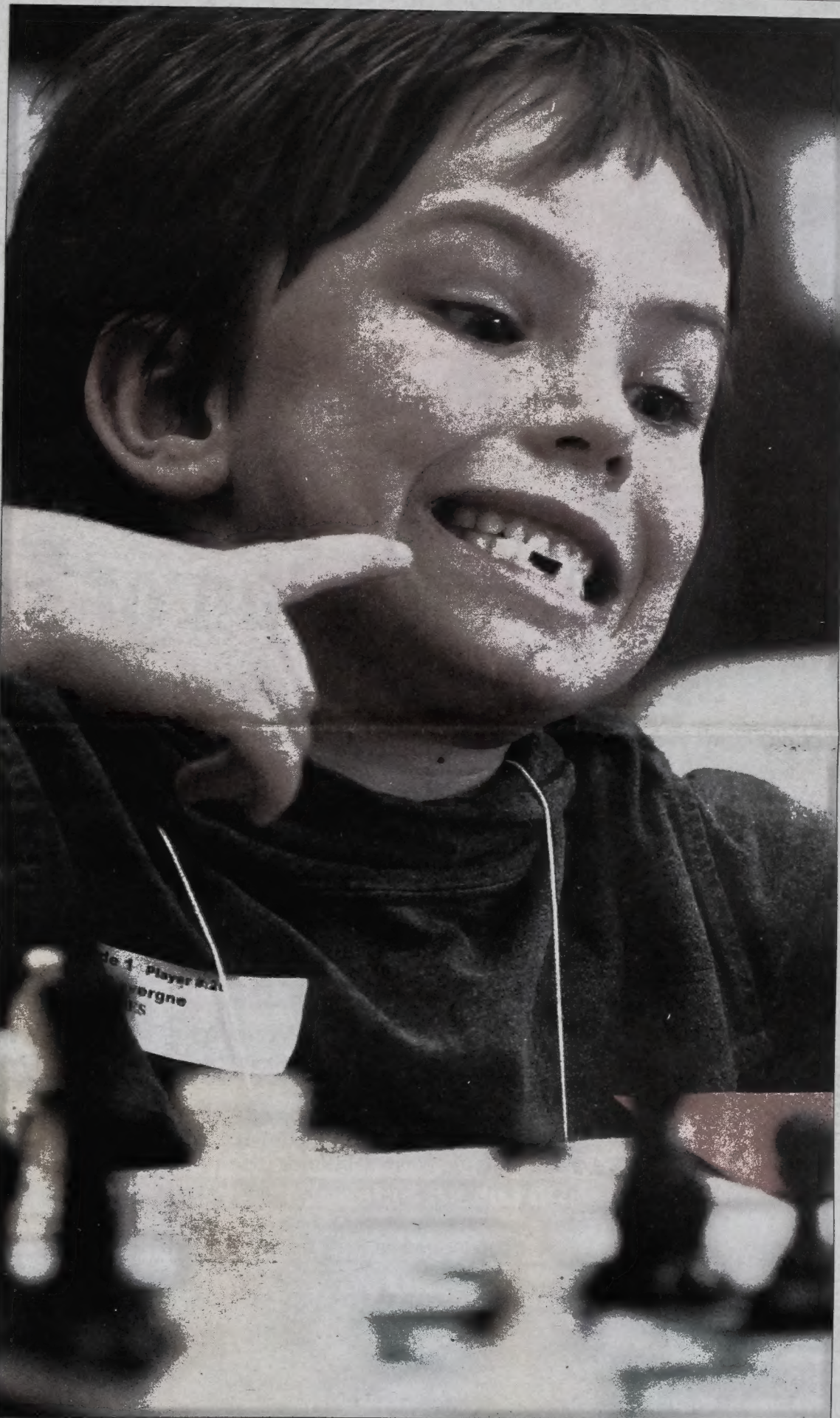
The Jazz Ensemble clinched a spot in Vancouver after their silver-winning performance in Collingwood on March 3. A sub-group of the band called The Improv Combo was also given an invitation.

Regina, confident in his students' ability, had them fundraising since November in anticipation of the finals. Regina was on the verge of giving a \$6,000 down payment to a tour company when news of Jetsgo's bankruptcy hit the headlines.

"Over the March holiday, the tour company was able to re-book flights for us but it was quite a bit more expensive," says Regina.

The Jazz Ensemble aimed to fundraise between \$6,000-\$7,000 collectively, and planned to

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Chess moves

Stuart Baker Elementary School Grade 1 student Kyle Lavergne holds his breath as Sydney Feir pauses before her move. Kyle lost his second round match against Sydney during the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's annual chess tournament at the Haliburton Legion and the Dysart Community Centre last week. Hundreds of children from Grade 1 - 8 participated. Results on page 25.

Haliburton Alzheimer office closed for short-term

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Families who are already coping with the stress of caring for a loved one who has Alzheimer's now have another worry: the Haliburton office of the Alzheimer Society has been temporarily closed because of financial difficulties.

"We're facing a bit of a financial challenge," says Joyce Purdon, volunteer chairperson of the board of directors for the Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area. "We're analyzing our situation and trying to figure out what to do."

Purdon says everyone with the organization is very distressed over the decision to temporarily close the Haliburton and Cobourg office.

"We care about our clients and know that they need our help," she said on Thursday, two days after Janet Bottum was temporarily laid off from her job as co-ordinator of the Haliburton office. The office in Cobourg was also closed.

"[The closure] won't be very long; it can't be very long. Of course, I'd like to have it open on Monday," Purdon says.

She says the board is not yet sure what's at the root of the financial difficulties. It's not that the government has discontinued its funding; rather, the society just has to access those funds.

An auditor has been called in to review the operations and help the society put plans in place "to make sure this never happens again," Purdon says.

Compounding the problem is the fact that the Peterborough society was without an executive director for a while. A new executive director was hired three weeks ago, and mean-

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— news and events worth noting —

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Do you want your non-profit organization to become better known? Mike Jaycock will be leading a seminar on the principles of effective communication, communication planning, creative development and communication tools such as print, radio, direct mail, newsletters and websites. Topics include brand identity, volunteers, the strengths and weaknesses of various media choices and internal communication. The seminar will be held over two days, Wednesday, March 30 and April 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's at the Community Care drop-in centre in Haliburton and costs \$50. Call Roxanne or Amy to register at 457-2941.

Whether it's fighting crime on the street, on the web or in the courts, Fleming College in Peterborough is offering a summer camp for high school students to give them the chance to explore fascinating careers in law and justice. The camp, from July 4 to 8, includes a mock crime scenario. It costs \$600. To register call 1-800-675-8063.

The ranks of women and men who stitch, scrapbook, bead and paint to pass the time are growing, and the Creative Sewing and Needlework Festival is there to give them some direction. "Discover, learn, try and buy" is the festival's motto. It offers classes, attractions and events designed for every age and skill level. The festival runs from April 22 to 24 at the International Centre in Mississauga. Visit www.csnf.com for details.

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A sure sign of spring

It's time to guess when the ice will melt on Head Lake

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So consult the stars or the Farmer's Almanac, or even make a good guess of when the last cube of ice will disappear from the lake in the middle of Haliburton village.

You can give us your best guesses in several ways:

drop off your prediction at the *Echo* office in the big blue house on the corner of Highland and Cedar (or, to be official sounding with our new 911 address, 146 Highland Street), fax it to 457-3275, e-mail it to editor@haliburtonecho.ca or mail it to Box 360, Haliburton, Ont., K0M 1S0.

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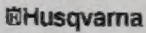
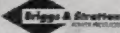
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High school teachers give union a strike mandate

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

The possibility of a strike looms in the distance now that Trillium Lakelands secondary school teachers have voted 92 per cent in favour of strike action. The March 10 vote gives their union a near unanimous mandate to invoke sanctions against the school board should negotiations remain ineffectual.

"We need to convince the board that the position we are taking at the table is not only serious but one that is supported by our membership," says Desiree Francis, executive officer for the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation.

Francis says that the teachers' primary concerns are working conditions and compensation. Teachers want smaller class size, more staffing, and alterations to their benefits.

Even though the stage is set for a strike, it is not necessarily imminent. Union negotiators will now file for conciliation, whereby the labour relations board will appoint a conciliator in an effort to resolve the issue.

"Any time you get a strike vote of 92 per cent, it gives a very clear message that our members want to see progress in bargaining," says Francis.

Should the bargaining process reach the strike phase, teachers have a variety of options to employ, ranging from working to rule to a full-out strike. Affected schools in the county are Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and the Adult Learning Centre.

Teachers have been working without a collective agreement since Sept. 1, 2004.

Be careful of ice and deer

The Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment would like to remind everyone venturing onto area lakes that ice conditions will be deteriorating with the warmer weather. Snow machine operators, anglers, etc. are reminded to be extra cautious in the coming weeks.

The O.P.P. would like motorists to be aware that area wildlife will be on the move with the mild weather and drivers should be extra cautious. Officers have investigated 13 car and deer accidents so far this month.

New Year's baby finally arrives



DARREN LUM/Echo

First baby of 2005

New father Ted Howard and mother Amanda Bacon were proud to show off their newborn son Devon Thomas James Howard. Devon was born in the trauma room of the Haliburton Hospital at 11:21 p.m. on Sunday, March 13 because there was a patient in the one obstetrics room. What was first believed to be cramps turned out to be the couple's first baby. Both don't expect it to be their last. Although he was born in March, Devon earns the distinction of being the first baby born at the Haliburton Hospital in 2005.

Would you have been willing to contribute money so the HHSS jazz band could compete in Vancouver? Visit www.haliburtonecho.ca

Constructed wetland project at hatchery gaining momentum

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times Staff

An idea to build a constructed wetland in Haliburton is garnering increasing buzz from environmentalists and community stakeholders.

The Haliburton Fish Hatchery Constructed Wetlands Project, a collaborative effort involving several organizations, aims to develop a constructed wetland to treat the hatchery's effluent. The hope is to demonstrate the practicality of wetlands as a treatment resource for human wastewater.

"It's an elegant response to a nasty situation," says Brent Wootton, a professor at Fleming College who was instrumental in bringing this project to Haliburton. "Constructed wetlands perform functions that conventional treatment systems do not perform. Conventional septic systems are designed for bacteria only. They don't deal with phosphorous, nitrogen or potassium. And those are the three main culprits in the contamination of water."

Wootton says there is almost nothing wetlands cannot be engineered to treat, which is a plus when one considers other pollutants such as pesticides and certain metals. Another benefit, particularly for cash-strapped municipalities, is the relative low cost of such operations. Wootton says the hatchery wetland will cost about \$50,000 and requires very lit-

tle maintenance once it is running.

Other collaborators include the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, Environment Haliburton, the Ministry of Natural Resources, and the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Wootton recently asked Dysart et al to lend their financial support to the undertaking and was greeted warmly by the township.

Municipal officials, keen to solve pressing sewage issues, regard the proposal as an exciting pilot project that may, in the future, develop into something that can deal with human waste.

"Similar things are happening in other parts of the world and it's going to have to happen in Ontario," says Reeve Murray Fearrey. "It's an alternative and apparently, if the results bear true, it's about as good as you can treat sewage. That's the long-term interest for our municipality."

Council deferred the financial request for budgetary considerations. The stewardship council has contributed \$2,500 toward the initiative and an application for Trillium Foundation funding has already been submitted on behalf of the project's working group.

In the 1970s, Europe became recognized for its artificial marshes and their remarkable ability to purify water. A constructed wetland was able to act like

a sponge for excess water, initiating a series of micro-organic and chemical transformation processes that made it a viable wastewater treatment option. The idea has gained popularity in many parts of the world, including the United States, but has been slow to gain acceptance in Canada.

"Maybe that's because we take too much for granted in Canada. People think that we have lots of space and that we can do whatever we like," says Wootton, who has been invited to speak about the Haliburton project at the Congress of Humanities and Social Scientists, the largest annual academic gathering in Canada.

Local high school teachers have also taken an active interest in the proposed wetland. Emma Thurley, a biology teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, says teachers are always looking for opportunities to educate students about environmental stewardship.

"It's a place where we can take our students and show them an ecosystem that's fairly small," says Thurley. "It fits nicely into their curriculum. For example, we can take our Grade 11 biology students out and have them look at all the plants in the wetlands and see what their functions are, how they actually clean water, and what they take out of the water."

Fuel truck flips on road near Mountain Lake

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

Warmer temperatures made for a beautiful Easter weekend but may also have been a factor in a tanker truck rollover on Monday.

A Sid Stamp Fuels tanker truck tipped over on Parallel Falls Road, a cottage road on the east side of Mountain Lake that is accessed from Highway 35 across from Wedgewood Marina.

Minden Fire Chief Doug Schell says his department was paged with a request to respond to the accident at 10:20 a.m. on Easter Monday. The OPP also responded.

The road is still covered in snow, ice and slush with patches of mud. Schell says the tanker lost traction on the road and tipped over on its side to land about 150 feet away from the water. Booms and other devices were put down to block gas and fuel from reaching the water.

Sid Stamp Fuel management declined to comment on the accident.

Schell says another truck will be sent by the company to vacuum up the gas and fuel from the ground and the truck before the truck is righted.

Police and volunteer firefighters went door to door among nearby cottages to alert people of the danger of the fumes and to ask that no one start a fire or turn on a pilot light.



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Elva Bates is working diligently on her historical book entitled *A Journey Through Glamorgan's Past*, a project she says may take another two years to complete.

911 hang-ups worrisome to police

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Between December 10 and December 31, 43 people called 911 and immediately hung up.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP is hoping that's not a trend.

Every time someone calls 911 a response must be initiated. If a person hangs up before saying "I need an ambulance" or "My house is on fire", the responsibility falls to the OPP.

The OPP must respond with two officers, even if a person says "Oh sorry, that was just an accident."

When 911 was introduced to the county on December 10, police knew that

some people would "experiment" with the new emergency response system. However, 43 calls is higher than expected.

Staff Sgt. Bob Walli says that the Dufferin detachment, which is similar to Haliburton County's, there were 600 hang-ups last year.

"If we start seeing a trend like that that will be a substantial drain [on resources]," Walli said at a recent Community Police Advisory Committee meeting in Minden.

Walli says that past experience shows how important it is to respond to 911 hang-ups. Although most calls turn out to be nothing, there have been times when an assault has taken place or someone is found unconscious.

Elva Bates takes a journey through Glamorgan's past

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

You have to give Elva Bates credit. When she began to piece together the history of Glamorgan five years ago, it wasn't to win any local literary acclaim.

"Outside of this community I've received a lot of interest," laughs Elva Bates, who gave a public progress report on her new book at the Gooderham municipal office last Wednesday. "This community has changed to the point where there are not that many descendants of the early families. And those that are here are busy with their lives and haven't yet taken an interest in their background."

Though interest in this community has been reserved, her book has received attention from places as far off as Alberta. Even a gentleman in England, who holds the name "Gooderham", sent an e-mail requesting information on the area's history.

A Journey Through Glamorgan's Past is Bates' historical account of the area's early settlers. The book is divided into two parts, consisting of both a factual and fictional history.

The first section is a meticulously researched biography of who the early settlers, where they lived, and the businesses and organizations that developed from them.

The second part is a fictional story where imaginary Glamorgan characters play out scenarios that Bates believed

might have happened.

"I knew a lot of the information that was in the municipal records and a lot of things that people told me over the years," says the former clerk and reeve of Glamorgan. "But nobody was taking any steps to record all this."

Bates originally thought she would pass off the project to another author to write. That changed when she took a creative writing course at Fleming College where a teacher told her she was "sufficiently obsessed" to complete the entire project herself.

Sources for the book range from the 1871-1881 census, to the Trent Valley archives, all the way to the national archives. Despite the progress on the book, Bates estimates she has another two more years of work before it's ready for publication.

The project has also given Bates the chance to separate fact from myth, such as the local lore that 'Gooderham' got its name because George Gooderham travelled around to the area's three hotels and gave out free liquor.

"I found out that's bunk. There were never three hotels here at the same time"

Bates discovered that George Gooderham gave substantial donations to the Methodist Church, which she considers a more plausible explanation.

And though her historical work contains no heroes or villains, Bates feels it's important to document in order to show people how we got to where we are.

"That's the background of some of the things we have now."



For the Health of the Highlands

NOTICE

The ninth annual meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Minden.

2005/06 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who has been a *resident of, or who has been employed or carried on a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Township of Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County; or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10). 2004/05 membership will end at the close of the June 23rd Annual General Meeting.

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any meeting of the Corporation. New members must register at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the meeting. Therefore, to be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting, new memberships must be obtained by March 28th.

Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board by submitting in writing a nomination which must be received by the Secretary of the Board at least thirty days before the date of the Annual Meeting.

The fee may be paid and a membership card obtained at the Haliburton or Minden Hospitals during regular business hours, or by contacting the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, P.O. Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario. KOM 1S0 or 705-457-4508 telephone and 705-457-1071 facsimile.

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A shining light

It's like Joni Mitchell always told us: "You don't know what you've got 'till it's gone."

Of course, the families of local Alzheimer sufferers don't need to be told what a vital resource the local Alzheimer Society office had become in their lives. For families who can feel as if they are struggling alone, often in the dark recesses of the night, with the repercussions of this terrible disease, Janet Bottum was there

shining a light, perhaps not at the end of the tunnel but at least offering a glimmer of hope. As coordinator of the local office, she'd talk to them about ways to cope with the exhaustion and frus-

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trations of taking care of someone who might not even recognize them any more. She'd tell them about advances in drug therapies, lead support groups and always be just a phone call away.

News that the Peterborough Alzheimer Society had to temporarily close its satellite offices in Haliburton and Cobourg because of a financial shortfall would have hit these families hard. It would have added one more stress to their already stressed-out lives.

It does seem, however, that the Alzheimer Society's problems will be relatively short-lived. It's not that government funding has dried up or run out. Money is available to pay for its services; it's just a matter of accessing it. A review is being undertaken to try to ensure that this gap in funding never happens.

It's a bit of a cautionary tale for all volunteer boards. As Joyce Purdon, president of the Peterborough society's board, says, the board previously saw its role as directing policy. It didn't think it had to watch over the operations of the agency. While no board should play a hands-on role in the day-to-day operations of an organization, it is important to keep an eye on the organization's financial health.

Board members as well as staff are deeply troubled by having to close the office in Haliburton. They believe in the agency and the help it can offer to families. That's why they invested in hiring Janet Bottum and setting up a local office. This entire community applauds its efforts and its commitment to Haliburton County. Whether you need the office's services or not, it's just good to know that it's there.

Getting grounded

Do teenagers still get grounded these days? They do if they booked a flight on Jetsgo.

One can imagine the disappointment of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's jazz ensemble whose dreams of flying to Vancouver to compete in a national competition were dashed when Jetsgo suddenly suspended services on March 11.

After months of fundraising, band leader Tom Regina felt it was unfair to go back to the community to ask for the additional \$7,000 it would cost to book flights with another airline. He also respects the students' families' own financial constraints, knowing that, while some students could afford to ante up another \$300, it would be impossible for others. A band relies on everyone playing together as a cohesive unit. That cohesion also extends to the social interactions between the students.

Regina's decision to cancel the trip is respected but no less regretted.

A trip to Ottawa next year is a consolation prize, but it sure doesn't match the attraction of the Pacific Ocean and mountains.



Rabbit ears.

Photo by DARREN LUM/ECHO

The bear facts

About a week or two ago, I received a very formal questionnaire from the Ministry of Natural Resources asking me how I fared during last year's bear hunt. I believe this was some administrator's idea of a joke.

The impersonal survey basically asked for four things, actually five if you include return postage: how many days I hunted, in what area, how many bears I encountered, and if my bear tag was indeed used.

Now, I understand that the MNR has a job to do, and I certainly sympathize with them for trying to gather enough science to finally make sound decisions on black bear management. But as a hunter I felt a little put off by this overly complicated and direct approach. Especially since all the information needed could have been easily answered by me simply sending one underwear sample for each day of my bear hunting "adventure."

Quite frankly, I'm not sure why no one at the MNR has thought of this before now. It certainly would cut down on the paperwork - for them and me.

Think about it. With this simple package of data, MNR biologists would have gleaned that I did indeed hunt bear for three days last year and saw exactly one, up close and on the very last day of that hunt. The forensics gathered from that particular undergarment would have indicated that it was indeed a big bear and somewhat aggressive in nature, too. The bark fragments and various accumulated boreal insects caught up in my elastic waistband might have told them that I had climbed to the very crown of a beech tree to get a better look at this majestic creature. And the incisor pattern and

cleanliness of the tears on the backside of that garment would have let them know that it was a healthy bruin of four to six years of age who gave up only because he did not like the taste of what he bit into.

Furthermore, that very same analysis might have yielded the fact that I was hunting in an area rife with pre-digested blackberries and blueberries. The granola bar residue might have thrown them off a bit however, but I'm sure they would have eventually figured it out. Either way, they would have known that I was running, in more ways than I'd care to admit.

As for the simple question as to whether my tag had been used, you'd think that they would remember the rather terse letter I sent shortly thereafter demanding a refund or at very least a formal apology for allowing me to spend my hard-earned money on a bear

licence. I did after all include a barely-used tag in the envelope. Next time, I'll remember not to keep it in my back pocket.

Okay, perhaps sending the Ministry a bill to cover the nerve pills and the dry cleaning was a bit over the top, but you would have felt that way too, given the extenuating circumstances.

In any case, I'll send in my survey and check off all the appropriate boxes, but I'm hoping that next year they'll consider my innovative solution to the problem of data collection.

Quite frankly, I'd feel a whole lot better if they knew more about what the average bear hunter is up against.

And judging from the feelings that still remain about the cancellation of the spring bear hunt, I'm sure that many other bear hunters wouldn't mind helping in this way, too.

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Feeling lucky

Stan was not having a good week. The addition on his house was turning into a nightmare as the cost continued to climb and the quality started to drop. It's never fun having to fire someone. So when he had to let the contractor take a hike, he wished it could have turned out differently. Then there was the little incident with his cousin where a



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small misunderstanding was now on the verge of a legal confrontation. Just when he thought nothing else could happen, he picked up a slow leak after going to the dump. He figured that was as bad as it could get and slammed his car trunk hard after putting away the tire jack.

It was hard to concentrate on anything except all that had gone wrong the last few days. Even though the sun was now warm enough to make his dog pant sitting on the front seat

beside him, Stan barely noticed the arrival of spring. The mud might already be appearing in his driveway, getting ready to suck at his wheels like a kid with a candy, but Stan just glowered at the world.

"Why me?" he wondered, pondering the cost of lawyers and contractors and leaking tires. "Why me?" he repeated silently as he sped through the late spring slush, cursing a world that seemed to reward scoundrels and make fools of honest people. When he felt the slick highway tug his car off balance – just for a second – Stan eased up on the gas pedal. He might be unlucky, but he wasn't stupid. The spring birds continued to sing from the sides of the road, but Stan neither heard nor saw them. He was too intent on getting home, finishing this errand before plunging into the next chore.

Ahead of him were two large transport trucks but Stan was far enough back that he didn't get any of their spray. They were moving right along, confident in the weight of their cargo to keep them well planted on the slushy thoroughfare. Stan was just starting to plan what he had to do after lunch when he saw a white car some distance from him in the opposite lane lose control and start skidding. It was a straight stretch of highway but the driver must have hit some ice.

Stan eased up on his gas to give as much distance between them as possible and watched as the car began to swerve back and forth across the east and west-bound lanes of the two lane highway. He kept waiting for the car to straighten out but it didn't. It just kept swerving more and more wildly as it continued to move forward. Then it spun right around – once, twice, its momentum still propelling it forward. Only now it was moving sideways and it was headed straight for Stan.

The sense of unreality Stan felt was soon replaced with a combination of fear and rage. He carefully pushed down on his brake, mindful of the thick coating of slush blanketing the pavement. It seemed futile as his car slowed only marginally while the other one continued to race lengthwise toward him. Stan braked a little harder. The white car kept coming. Now Stan was really mad. As clear as breaking glass, he heard his own thoughts shrieking in protest at what was happening, refusing to accept it.

And then, at literally the last second, two things happened simultaneously. The white car flew off the road in front of Stan and his own car stopped. In the time it takes to gasp, Stan sat in his motionless car, dumb-struck. It was only when he looked in his rearview mirror before pulling onto the shoulder, that he realized a large pickup had been behind him. It too was now on the side of the road, flashers on.

Their first thought was the white car and its driver. Looking down into the swampy area where the car had exited, they saw the rear end was buried in snow, its front facing toward the highway. The driver was trying to push against the snow to open his door. He seemed all right as the truck driver helped him up onto the shoulder. The car looked pretty good too, though it was hard to tell with so much under snow.

The three men stood there shaking their heads. The trucker spoke first. He had thought for sure he was going to witness a collision and probably end up sliding into it as well. The white car driver said he had been certain he was going to sideswipe Stan. It would have been bad because it was the driver's side that had been heading for Stan. Stan shuddered at what would have happened to him, his small car hitting head-on and then being rear-ended by the truck.

Then they went to the front of Stan's car and looked at the tracks, clear as fingerprints on a frosted window. There was the sweep of the white car's tires in front of Stan's as they curved off the slush-covered highway and over into the shallow embankment. The distance between those tracks and where Stan stopped was less than a foot.

Seeing how close he had come to disaster, so close he could still taste it, suddenly began to fill Stan with a warmth like the spring sunshine. It was gratitude. He was an incredibly lucky man and this awareness spread its glow throughout his being as he stood in amazement at the side of the highway. It was so good to be alive.



pic of the past

About 50 years ago, this group of young people gathered at the Wilberforce post office to wait for Mr. Schofield to sort the mail. From left are Mel Croft, the late Gordon Clark, the late Blake Barnes, the late Elaine Clark, and *The Echo's* own Wilberforce correspondent, Hilda Clark. Our thanks to Harold Sanderson for sharing this photo with us.

letters to the editor

Upset about Alzheimer's closure

To the Editor:

I was greatly distressed to hear of the closure of the Haliburton offices of the Alzheimer's Society, due to a shortage of funding.

I must, first, thank Janet Bottum (formerly the Haliburton County representative of the Alzheimer's Society), for her generous and unstinting support to the families who have been visited by this dreadful affliction.

Through monthly meetings in Haliburton and Minden, Janet kept us aware of the latest research and treatment options for Alzheimer's sufferers. Perhaps more importantly, Janet provided us with a forum in which caregivers could exchange practical information on how to protect our loved ones from injury, pain, wandering away, financial disaster and secondary illness.

Many of the members of the Alzheimer's group will attest to the one-on-one support that Janet provided at any hour of the night or day. She helped us deal with issues such as when it was time to consider a care facility, how to access community resources to make home care possible, coping with a family member who can no longer drive or manage their finances or prescriptions, and how to deal with institutional care providers to ensure the best possible quality of life for our loved ones.

Janet is keenly aware that caring for a family member with Alzheimer's disease is a 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, 365-days-a-year proposition that often adversely affects the health and wellbeing of caregivers. Alzheimer's disease isolates caregivers from the community and can leave us feeling very alone and constantly exhausted. With that in mind, she helped us to ensure that support services were in

place for the entire family. The meetings of Janet's Alzheimer's support group also let us know that we were not alone and allowed us to exchange valuable tips and information with others who are in the same boat.

My sister and I spent 10 years taking care of our mother at home until she recently passed away, as she wanted to, at home and in the arms and love of her own family. Janet, and all the members of the Alzheimer's support group, helped us get through the days when my mother lost her mobility, lost her recognition of her family, lost her ability to cope with personal hygiene issues, lost her ability to feed herself and, at the last, lost her long battle for life. We could not have coped without Janet and our wonderful friends of the Alzheimer's Support Group.

New issues arise in caring for an Alzheimer's patient almost every day. Janet and the Alzheimer's support group, saw us through them all. Failing to provide the meagre funding required to continue the vital work of The Alzheimer's Society is indeed a false economy. Without this essential service, our Alzheimer's-afflicted family members will be at greater risk of injury, wandering, premature use of long-term care facilities and, perhaps, of untimely death.

I suspect that the cost of the Haliburton Alzheimer's Society Office is far less than the price of even one needless hip replacement or widespread community search for a wandering and lost Alzheimer's patient.

Interested persons can contact me, Pete McCormick, at 286 1412 or at broadcastit@sympatico.ca.

This is an extremely important community service that cannot be allowed to vanish.

Pete McCormick
Minden

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





Melanie Howitt leads the HHSS wrestling team in stretches during her impromptu visit. Howitt was at home during Brock University's reading week and made a special

point of giving advice to the wrestlers. She got her wrestling start at HHSS and now competes for Brock University.

Wrestler holds onto success

Photos and feature by Darren Lum



This medal is for the 48 kg Ontario Junior Provincial Championship.

IT'S ALL ABOUT "BABY STEPS". That's what Melanie Howitt said when asked about her future.

Despite these baby steps Howitt is making huge strides at Brock University.

She's a former Red Hawks wrestler turned Badger and is grappling her way into the athletic consciousness of the Brock faithful and adding to the university's strong wrestling reputation.

Listed at 5'4" on the Badger's website (she admits to being five-foot nothing), at first glance Melanie Howitt is far from an intimidating figure. Despite her girlish looks and disarming pearl smile you'd be hard pressed to convince her wrestling opponents who end up on their back, staring into the rafters hear-

ing the 1... 2... 3... count that she isn't a force to be reckoned with.

Being the little fish in a big pond proved challenging for the freshman early on. It wasn't new for the diminutive wrestler who makes a habit of breaking from her physical shortcomings. But, true to character, she pushed on and has been rewarded for her efforts with a Canadian Junior championship and numerous top-three results on the Ontario University Association wrestling circuit during her first-year with the team.

"When I got here it was pretty discouraging because all of my wrestling partners had wrestled longer than I had. They would always get all their attacks and I could never get mine. I could never get past the hands to the legs," she said. "I was just getting frustrated. That's just part of it. I'm first year and they're not. You kind of have to expect that."

Her rise in the wrestling world is attributed to the support from coaches and mentor Tonya Verbeek, a Canadian Olympic bronze medallist at the 2004 Athens games.

Coach Bill Smith is the "one that helps me out the most," she said. They regularly view taped matches, critiquing technique for future matches.

Coach Smith remembers Melanie as a "dainty little thing". His first glimpse of her was in the summer before university began.

"No matter how hard the practices got she was right there," he says.

Smith enjoys helping her. He said he doesn't mind putting forth the effort when the athlete is willing to do the same. "She's very appreciative of everything," he says.

The opportunity to work out and to pick the brain of Tonya Verbeek has been more than a rewarding experience. "I didn't know what words to say. It

was absolutely amazing," she said of her first practice match against her. "I wrestled her I was so excited. As soon as I got home I called my dad." She told him, "Dad, I wrestled an Olympian today."

"Tonya helps me out a lot," Howitt says. "She definitely knows what she is doing. ...She's always happy to help."

The transition from high school in Haliburton to university was made easier with the great group of 45 women on the team.

"There are no cool people; there are no cliques ... It was just nice that way. Everybody gets along," she says.

Coach Smith said her performance at the junior championships was less than her best but, true to her character, she fought through it.

Every year the coaching staff tells its wrestlers to keep notes on opponents. Howitt was one wrestler who did. Her steady improvement is a testament to her hard work, Smith says.

He remembers another wrestler who had the most natural talent that he and the coaching staff had ever seen. Due to her lack of commitment and work ethic she never realized her potential. Howitt, though not without talent of her own, is the consummate hard worker.

"She's come such a long way," he says.

In a recent wrestle-off Howitt lost out to her teammate for a berth at the all-Ontario competition. Smith felt badly for Melanie, but believes it won't be her last opportunity to wrestle provincially.

"I'm sure she'll be back [to the CIS]."



Melanie Howitt sits with Red Hawks wrestlers, answering questions about technique and the differences between high school and university competition.

DARREN LUM/Echo



Hop to it

Stuart Baker Elementary School was hopping for Multiple Sclerosis at its annual Hopathon on Wednesday. More than 100 teachers (including Jim Hopkins at right)

and students wearing bunny ears hopped in the school's halls to show their support for MS sufferers. The school is collecting pennies for the cause. Spearheaded by the school's custodian Julie Poyner, whose brother Jay Poyner and niece Jami Poyner are afflicted with the illness, the event helped raise awareness.

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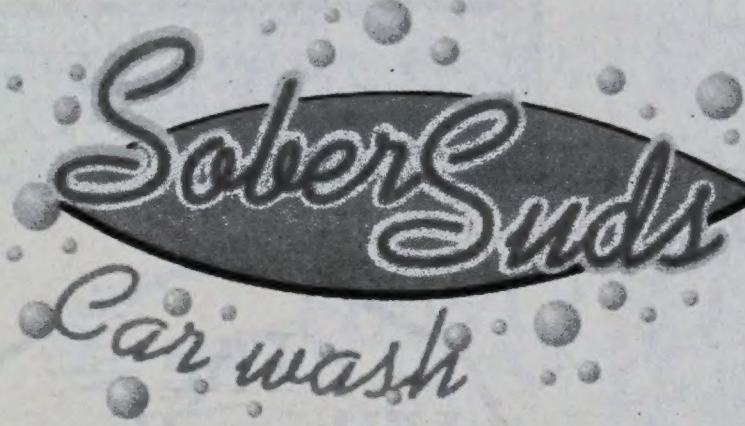
Staff Reporter

The old belief that people who live in the country are more active has become outdated because of what health professionals have dubbed the "car culture." People drive everywhere instead of walking, cycling, or using a more physically active form of transportation. A local committee is hoping to change that by creating an Active Transportation Plan and they recently received a huge boost in the form of a \$25,000 grant from the provincial government.

The Haliburton County Community Co-operative received the grant on behalf of the local committee from the Communities in Action Fund, a \$5.2 million Ministry of Tourism and Recreation program. Jim Blake and Barrie Martin received support from Dysart et al council to begin work on the active transportation plan last year. Martin says the committee is hoping to link together trails such as the Rail Trail and Head Lake Trails, and to put together a plan so people can walk to village destinations such as the shopping area, college, museum, hospital and

schools. Kate Hall has been hired to co-ordinate the program. Hall says the timing is ideal since Sir Sandford Fleming College is still developing the Haliburton campus and the BIA is investing in downtown improvements. Timing is also key since the Head Lake Trail and Tranquility Trail projects are also being carved out. Hall says there is also an assessment tool now offered by Go For Green, a non-profit national organization that will help them to assess the village's

"walkability". Hall says the community action plan also fits in well with the federal government's Kyoto Accord goals. "We're not going to replace cars. But this will benefit everybody, seniors, students, tourists and the environment," says Hall. Hall and the committee are planning on contacting community partners about the project soon. The committee is hoping to have an active transportation plan ready, with some initiatives like mapping and signage, completed by March 31, 2006.



Summer is fast approaching and with it - the worst season of the year for impaired driving on Ontario roads and waterways. As part of our 16th annual arrive alive DRIVE SOBER program, Ontario Community Council on Impaired Driving (OCCID) is hosting a "Sober Suds" Car Wash on Saturday May 7th to raise awareness and funds to prevent impaired driving this summer. Thanks to partners: The Beer Store, Ontario Provincial Police and Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving.

Community groups keep all the money they raise to support sober driving activities of their choice in their region. All event day promotional materials such as t-shirts, posters, buckets, car wash concentrate, tire foam, wipes, wash mitts and sponges are provided free of charge (shipping not included).

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Peterborough office will help Alzheimer families

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while, the board has had to acquaint itself with operational issues. Previously it had focused on policy.

Purdon had words of praise for the work Bottum is doing in Haliburton. There is an ongoing caseload of 27 clients plus contacts made with others.

"She's a great gal," says Purdon. "I really admire her."

Statistics show that the need for the society's services will only continue to grow. Haliburton County already has 3,500 residents older than 65. Statistics suggest that 295 people could be society clients. As Haliburton continues to attract retirees, that number will increase.

"As years go by there are more of us older than 65," says Purdon, who is 72. "Our job for the next few years will be tremendous. As long as you have people retiring there, you'll have people who need our services."

Families of Alzheimer's patients aren't totally bereft of services. The Peterborough office will remain open and will try to help as many clients as possible. People are asked to call 1-800-561-2588. "We'll try our best to continue to meet the needs of as many people as possible," Purdon says.

It's not yet known if the regular support group meetings will continue during the temporary closure.



DARREN LUM/FILE photo

Practice makes perfect for the bands led by Tom Regina at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Last year's jazz band, at left, earned gold at a national competition in Montreal, a feat this year's Jazz Ensemble hoped to repeat in Vancouver. Now they have to wait until next year's competition in Ottawa.

Band members 'kind of upset' over Vancouver trip

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cover the shortfall by paying \$500 each out of their own pockets. With airfares now on the rise in the aftermath of Jetsgo's grounding, Regina estimates students would have to fork out another \$300 each, a task he says is too onerous for his 23-member band in such a narrow time frame.

"We were kind of upset," says 15-year-old Brittaney

VanNood, a baritone sax player. "It was something to look forward to."

The band is able to defer their invitation until next year, when the national festival will be staged in Ottawa. For some band members, the exoticness of Vancouver isn't quite compensated by the capital city.

"I'd much rather go to Vancouver," says Kelley Dobson, who plays tenor sax in the jazz ensemble.

The Folk Society galvanized around the students with a series of e-mails that pledged financial assistance for the students, but in the end it proved too little too late.

"The fundraising for [the Vancouver trip] has been going on for months and it's probably really disheartening to get shafted," says Folk Society moderator Eric Lilius, adding it would take a "sugar daddy" to save the Vancouver trip now.

Students were hoping to repeat their gold-winning performance from last year's national competition, when it was held in Montreal.

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Joining students from across the province, Felix Scuhr, Ravina Sorichetti and Bethany Little took part in the Maple Syrup Challenge to determine if light, medium or amber maple syrup is best. After Jean Schlicklin-Tyler pours them a sample, Bethany finds the amber syrup lip-licking good.

Students like their syrup 'sweet and maply'

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The three taste testers drain their cups and try to come up with the words to describe spring's magical elixir.

"Very sugary," Felix Scuhr says before Jean Schlicklin-Tyler fills their cups again.

"It's sweet but maply, too," Bethany Little says in response to this second,

slightly more nuanced appellation, her favourite.

Felix saves his most most glowing compliment for the third bouquet of spring flavours. "It doesn't have as much sugar but it's very luscious."

And Ravenna Sorichetti, the third taste tester? She remains nonplussed by any of them. "I don't like maple syrup," she says matter of factly. She even eats her pancakes plain.

The three Stuart Baker Elementary stu-

dents were joining their peers from across the province in taking part in the Maple Syrup Challenge. Their job is to determine whether light, medium or amber maple syrup is their favourite.

By mid-morning on Tuesday, there was a dead heat between the light and amber at SBES.

"It's the extremes [in taste]. It's easier to pick one," says Schlicklin-Tyler, who was hosting the local event on behalf of

the Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers' Association.

Asked what maple syrup means to them, Bethany says, "Spring's coming. My dad taps trees. I like collecting the maple syrup and watching it boil over the fire."

Felix says, "Hyperness. I get really hyper if I have too much maple syrup." And then he bounces into the automatic door opener. This taste test is at an end.

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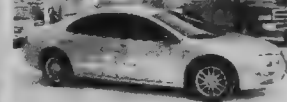
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Haliburton Legionnaires proudly show their colours at zone meeting

On Sunday, March 20, 15 members from Branch 129 attended the Zone Convention in Sunderland.

Your branch had the highest attendance of any branches there. The following is a list of facts and items gleaned from this meeting. Zone F4 has 5,104 members. Leadership and Training is now called Education and Development.

The Easter Seals campaign has been adopted by Legion. August 9 is Peacekeepers' Day. Sept. 18 -24 will be Legion Week. November 5 - 11 is Remembrance Week.

Your new Zone Commander is Ian Colman. Your new Deputy Zone Commander is Joe Kelly. In an effort to raise money for Zone a series of 10 raffles were held. Haliburton delegates won three of these.

Congratulations to Cathy Juby, Anne McKay and Wilf Guenette. Zone Track and Field Chairman, Branch 129's own Lou Trepanier was honoured for his work at Zone level with the presentation of two service bars. A seminar called Preparing for the Upcoming Year has been planned for April 9 in Fenelon Falls starting at 10 a.m. All members and Ladies Auxiliary Members are invited.

Ontario Command Veterans' Services Officer, Scott Young, will be at Branch 129 in April. If you would like to meet with him, please contact the Legion at 457-2571 before April 5 so appointment times can be arranged.

Executive Members, please note, your executive meeting date has been changed to Monday April 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend a fun time of music, wine and cheese and gigantic book sale on April 30 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

You can get all your summer reading at this time. Yes, summer is coming even though we despair of this fact at times.

Special Mother's Day raffles are planned for the month of May. Watch for more information on these.

Also in the month of May elections for your executive for the coming year will be held at the general meeting. I urge all members to attend and exercise their right to vote. It is important to the future of your branch.

Almost all members of your current, successful executive will be running for office again. Mark the second Thursday in May on your calendar as a key date in your Legion's future.

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Gerald Irish
457-2571

Births and birthdays a cause for celebration

A late announcement, but a happy one, is another addition to our community. Born in early February in Bermuda, Nadalin Mariangela Greenfield arrived safely. Proud first time grandparents are Micky and Mari Simms.

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Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

Congratulations to Tracey and Aaron who will be returning home in June. Harold Andrews was honoured in grand fashion on March 26 at the community centre. Celebrating his 80th birthday surrounded by family and many friends. It was evident by the number of people (and gifts) who came to be part of this memorable evening just how much Harold has touched their lives over his lifetime.

Also celebrating a birthday this Easter weekend was Earl Cooper. His sister Shirley and her husband Ken Rapson are home from Toronto to be part of his special day.

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Law students' eyes opened by corrections information

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

True or false: Canada's biggest cities have the highest crime rates.

False! In 2000, an analysis of Canada's 25 metropolitan areas revealed that the overall rate of criminal code violations was similar to rural areas.

Reverend Terry Richardson dispelled the big-city myth, and others like it during a recent visit to Chris Johnson's Gr. 11 law class at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Richardson is the Director General of Chaplaincy for Correctional Services Canada. He has worked inside prison chapels and is now working in administration to co-ordinate ministerial services serving a variety of faiths in Canada's 52 federal institutions. The information above comes from a book titled *Myths and Realities* by Correctional Services Canada, and which Richardson gave to the teenagers.

The book says metropolitan areas have higher rates of attempted murder, robbery, breaking and entering, motor vehicle theft, and prostitution. In contrast, rural areas and small towns have higher rates of sexual assault, common assault, weapons and explosive offences, and impaired driving.

Richardson was surprised by the students' reactions to some of the statistics. He says that in 2000 the Canadian population was 31 million people, of which 3.1 million were in contact with corrections.

"Is that all?" a few students muttered.

"It's amazing to me that one in 10 Canadians have been in contact with the corrections system. How many of you know someone that's been in contact



Reverend Terry Richardson paid a visit to the Grade 11 Law Class at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School to talk about the federal corrections system. (Photo, Sheryl Loucks.)

with prison?" he asked.

Eight students from about 25 raised their hands. The students said the people they knew who had been arrested and placed in juvenile custody or jails talked about how people in prison are often beaten up. One student said a man he knew got beaten for whistling.

"That's true. I got reprimanded for whistling. I was told it gives the impression you've got something to be happy about and that's not good," says Richardson.

He says jealousies can be sparked easily and there is a pecking order in prisons based on a person's reputation. He discussed the fact that aboriginals make up only three per cent of the Canadian population but 15 per cent of the prison population. He told them 1.7 per cent of inmates have AIDS.

He surprised the students by informing them that there are 12,000 federal

prisoners, of which 800 are women. The cost of incarcerating a male is \$79,538 a year, a figure the students came close to guessing. But they were way off the mark when Richardson revealed that it costs \$155,589 a year to jail a woman.

Richardson says prisoners always need help working out their identity; that is, who they are outside an illegal gang or criminal lifestyle. He noted that a few chaplains now in the system are former convicts who found their identity while serving time, and who are now helping others.

"We have one chaplain who's a lifer (serving a life sentence). He's hard to con," says Richardson.

Richardson has no criminal background. More than nine years ago, he was a Lutheran minister when a pastor from Saskatoon invited him to sit in on a prison church service. After the service he chatted with a guy "plunking away

at the piano."

"It turns out he was doing a double life sentence. But he'd reminded me of my brother. He's not the monster I would have thought: it blew my away," says Richardson.

He realized he could connect with the men inside and became a chaplain. Working behind barbed wire walls has its challenges just as working with the bureaucrats outside them, he says.

Richardson runs to unwind, and this has become a second passion: he has completed a number of marathons.

When students asked if he had ever been threatened or attacked, he said no; and noted that there is much less violence in Canadian prisons than television leads us to believe.

He also noted that in 1988 there were 114 escapes made or attempted from federal prisons but only 48 escapes in 2003.

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OPP location not an issue with former deputy reeve

To the Editor:

Finally, we are getting a new OPP facility to replace the woefully inadequate existing facility. The current facility offers no proper lock up for juvenile offenders no storage facility for confiscated drugs or fire arms. Mould within the existing building has been a horrendous problem, so much so that for a period of time staff could not work in the building until the condition was corrected.

Instead of our local politicians being delighted with a new facility they wish only to bicker about the location. Can anyone begin to imagine the total chaos that would have been created had Staff Sgt. Bob Walli asked for political input as to where the new office should be located?

During my time on council and a member of Community Police Advisory Committee, I found Staff Sgt. Bob Walli to be a first rate professional police officer whenever a policing problem

occurred in my ward, I had only to ask Sgt. Walli or one of his staff for assistance and it was provided without hesitation.

We need to be more concerned with having an adequate number of police officers available to respond to high priority calls rather than whining about where the new office is located.

A case in point: the person in charge of the Ward 3 Fire Hall (Our Hall Commander) does not even live in Haliburton County. It is not a problem according to Highlands East council, so why the big whine about the location of the OPP office?

Councils should extend a hand of co-operation and friendship to our OPP. They may find this to be more beneficial than the location of the office.

My thanks to Warden Jim McMahon for his years of hard work heading up the CPAC committee.

Chuck Viner
Gooderham

Signs don't lie, says reader who feels sorry for politicians

To the Editor:

When I heard it, I could not believe it, it just could not be true but now I have seen it, it must be true. Signs don't lie.

I really feel for our elected officials, municipal that is. The tough decisions they must constantly make take for example the vote to raise their own salaries. I'm glad I didn't have to make a choice; I would have voted for more. Or the decision not to ask, as one official always does, "Who is going to pay for it?" Perhaps this time he knew, because we the electorate always know who pays in the end.

Ten years ago when I retired, my wife and I moved to Old Buckhorn Road. I was told then that it was the original road to Buckhorn. With the introduction of 911 we had to have a road name change, as there were other Buckhorn roads. Our road name was pulled from a hat. I don't know if there was a rabbit in the hat but one came out a Unicorn hence our new road name. It suits the

area just fine as it is like a fairyland up here.

Unicorn Road would run from somewhere past our house up to the four corners. When you cross the intersection the name changes to Mountain Street another change to the Old Buckhorn. Why we couldn't have had Mountain St. as well? Who knows, but like I stated earlier these are tough decisions.

At the intersection there is another change, so now there is Cowan Road but wait, there is more, on the other side of the intersection there is still Parish Line, the only original name. This intersection has four different road names.

As I said earlier, signs don't lie. There is more, this intersection (the four corners has three poles to hold the signs; on each pole are two signs for a total of six to identify four roads, each sign has a small arrow to direct the traveller in the proper direction.

I am well aware it is not municipal politicians' decision how many signs are required or their responsibility to install them but it was their approval to turn a simple cross roads into the confusion it is. Visitors to the area will have to stop to try to figure out which way to go so now council has another difficult decision; do we need a traffic light.

As I said earlier, I would have voted for more salary.

Don Finigan, somewhere in fairy land
2031 Unicorn Rd.
Haliburton

Column's message needs to be broadcast

Cost was never a factor in treatment of son's tumour

To the Editor:

Marion Hare's column in the March 22 Echo ("Counting Our Good Fortune") needs to be spread far and wide.

When we retired and moved here in 1993, I quickly became a patient of a good family doctor in Haliburton. Later when my wife had heart problems she was included on that doctor's patient list. I have told many people that if the Ontario government is interested in fixing the problems in rural healthcare they

should send a team to study the system in Haliburton. It works well.

On the wider picture of Canada's healthcare system I have one story to relate. In 1978 our 12-year-old son suddenly took ill and was found to have a brain tumour. My wife and I were devastated. We sat in the doctor's office discussing the options that were available.

Later, in replaying that conference in my mind, I was suddenly struck by one vital point. At no point in that critical discussion was cost mentioned, nor was

it ever a factor. I was so grateful that we were discussing only what was best for our son.

So hurrah for Marion Hare's column which illustrates some of the weaknesses in the system some of us think might be advantageous. I have scanned this into my computer to keep. If neither Marion Hare nor the Echo objects, I might e-mail this to a few friends.

Peter Charters
Haliburton

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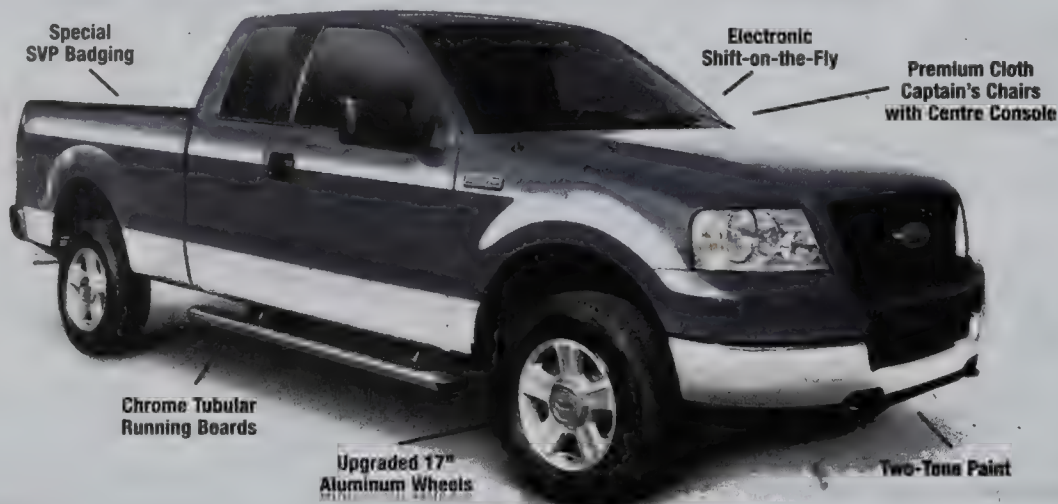
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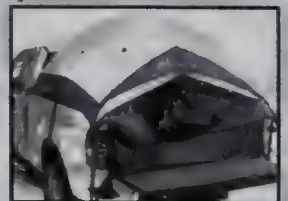
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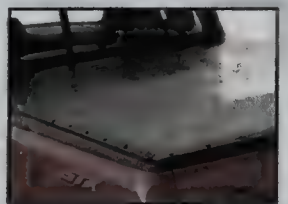
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Andrea: firefighter

Small but mighty, Gooderham's Andrea Maruyama was valedictorian on her graduation day at Ontario Fire College

Story by Sheryl Loucks

The area all around her was filled with smoke as she slid on her backside down the stairs. Her air tank bounced off the steps and something must have jiggled loose because suddenly there was no air. Panic started to fray the edges of her mind as she fought to stay calm. She had to find her team members and get out of the building.

Andrea Maruyama says her first foray into the smoke tower was the worst moment in an intensive three-week course at the Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst last summer. Highlands East Fire Chief Don Middleton says that, to his knowledge, she is the first volunteer firefighter in Haliburton County and only the second female volunteer in the province to take the course.

She did so well that her classmates nominated her valedictorian. Fiancé Mike Bayer jokes that she wrote an incredible speech but on the podium did not say it. It would have been an emotional moment for the 22-year-old since fire-fighting has dramatically changed her life.

She met Bayer at Deerhurst Resort a few years ago and moved to Gooderham to be with him two years ago. He says they were having a hard time finding something to do socially.

"My uncle suggested I join the department in Gooderham," says Bayer.

"Our first reaction was, 'Gooderham has a firehall?'" Andrea recalls.

Bayer went to one meeting and loved it instantly. He came home and told Andrea that she should join the then all-male department. She decided to give it a try.

"I was a little intimidated by all the men and meeting the chief. Having Mike there made me feel more comfortable. But everyone was really friendly and we just got more and more involved," she says.



Andrea Maruyama and Mike Bayer pose in front of a 1972 Ford Tele-squirt aerial apparatus truck on her graduation day at the Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst.

That was more than a year ago and both of them have fallen in love with fire-fighting.

Maruyama is a pretty young woman, approximately 5'5" and 140 lbs., and she is taken every bit as seriously as her male counterparts. Bayer says there are situations where she can go places that the guys can't because of her size. She is considered a valuable member of the team.

Maruyama says she and Bayer have become department junkies. They are known for spending a few nights a week down at the hall. They take the trucks out to wash them or just putter around. They joke about how they should be hired as safety officers because whenever they are around nothing happens.

They have not yet attended a structural fire. This past spring they did respond to what they thought was going to be a small fire but it turned out to be a nine-acre grass fire.

"The fire was moving fast. The logistics made it an awkward situation. Once we got a plan of attack everything fell into place," says Maruyama.

The first call the pair of them attended was a learning experience. They had difficulty with the truck on a back road and were late arriving at a medical emergency. Fortunately someone else had gotten there sooner. Since then they have attended many first-response medical calls.

Maruyama graduated from high school and went straight to work with no clear sense of what kind of career she wanted. She joined the department without having First Aid but fell in love with the sense of purpose she got while attending scenes as part of Gooderham's first response team.

She decided to apply to Sir Sandford Fleming College's paramedic program and was put on the waiting list. The

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A large pan filled with water and flammable liquids, and filled with obstructing objects can be ignited to create flames up to 100 feet high.



Andrea Maruyama and a colleague experience a "rollover" when the contents of a metal box ignite and temperatures soar up to 1200 degrees F.

Chief says Andrea is 'terrific'

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opportunity to take the first of three components of the essential training used for professional firefighters at the Ontario Fire College came along and she took it. Bayer took the course after she did.

They learned how to use ventilators, hoses, ladders and other pieces of equipment. They were in a demonstration unit that showed them a "flash over," the name for what happens when an entire room – walls, ceiling, and all objects – ignite simultaneously. They were taken to a specialized training facility on the Bruce Peninsula where they were taught Class B fire suppression, the art of fighting fire that is fuelled by petroleum, gas, chemicals or oil.

"It was awesome. There were flames eight feet high. We were taught how to manipulate the fire and make it go where you want it to. It was incredible to see this massive pan of fire get reduced to this little area of fire," says Maruyama.

Middleton, who once taught the course, says it is the equivalent of military boot camp. He says the intensive course involves physically demanding 10- to 12-hour days for the three weeks and admits he would have a hard time doing the course now. He is proud of Maruyama and Bayer's successful completion of the course.

"She's terrific. I'd have 20 more like her in the department if I could. She's a calming person



Andrea Maruyama, centre in black, with the Bravo Platoon and lead instructor, District Chief Dan John Cox (top left). Below, the team, with Andrea, is put through its paces with a hose.



and good to have on the scene," says Middleton.

Maruyama says that, after taking the course, she was notified by Fleming that she had been accepted into their paramedic program but she was now torn between taking the other fire-fighting training components or going to Fleming. In September, she enrolled in the program and does "ride-outs" with Haliburton paramedics.

Middleton is happy to have her in the department as one of seven women among approximately 80 volunteer firefighters in the Highlands East department. He says everyone brings a different set of skills to the department.

All of the fire departments in the county reported having women but there is only one per department in Minden Hills, Dysart et al and Algonquin Highlands. All of the fire chiefs say they would be happy to have more women involved.

"People don't realize you can join without prior training. Sometimes all you need is someone to hold the [traffic] sign but if we have to hold the sign that is one more of us who cannot be fighting the fire or whatever. We have a [man aged] 60-something at our hall and he's great. We need more volunteers," says Bayer of the nine-member Gooderham department.

Anyone interested in more information about joining a volunteer department should contact their local municipal office.



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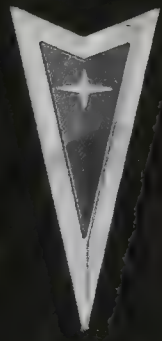
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LANCE CROSSLEY/Echo



Shades of Troy?

On the morning of March 4, Stuart Baker Elementary School students stomped the schoolyard to compete in chariot races. Younger students had to pull grade eights around a course on a winter sled. Not fair! From left is Hailey Griffin, Jennell Brodeau, Anna Scuhr, Alex Muenzel and Dana Reil.

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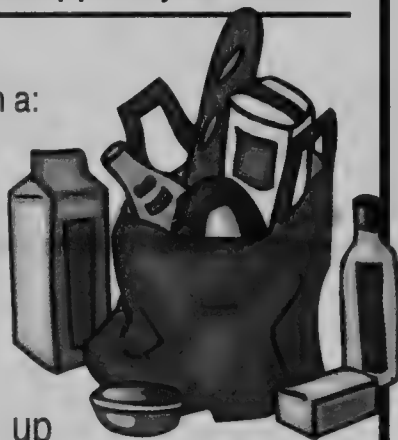
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The purpose of the program is to help people who are unable to complete their income tax and benefit returns themselves and are unable to pay for assistance.

Individuals with a net income – either single or family – of \$30,000 or less are eligible for this free service. Volunteers donate their time and expertise in completing income tax and benefit returns.

Until April 18 eligible people can drop off their income tax material at the Government Information Centre, Monday to Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. They will be asked to provide the following information:

- official receipts showing all sources of income;

- property tax or rental income receipts; and;
- telephone numbers where they can be reached during the day.

Other drop off locations are:

- Royal Canadian Legion, Minden – Monday mornings, 10:00 a.m. to noon
- New location – Old ambulance building (behind the Curling Club), Haliburton – Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon.
- Royal Canadian Legion, Wilberforce – Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The 2003 T1 – General Income Tax forms as well as a variety of other income tax forms and information are now available.

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 FOR WOMEN

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If you need support and information call the YWCA Transitional Support Worker, YWCA Women's Resource Centre in Minden at (705) 286-6442 (Collect calls accepted)

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One (1) full time (Maternity Leave) position

Secretary Receptionist, Planning Department:

- This is a full time maternity leave position, one-year term, which provides general clerical and administrative support to the Planning Department and general Municipal operations.
- The position is based on a 35-hour workweek from May through November and depending on workload, hours may be reduced to a 24-hour workweek from December to April.
- The successful candidate must have a solid knowledge of clerical functions, and be able to demonstrate strong computer skills and verbal and written communication skills. A minimum of 1-year experience in a related position is preferred and experience within a Municipal setting would be an asset. Candidates with experience in Municipal Planning will be given preference.

Rate of Pay:

Compensation based on current Collective Agreement with CUPE LOCAL 4286.

Position Description: A complete Position Description is available upon request.

Qualified parties are invited to submit their resumes, in confidence, to The Township of Minden Hills, P.O. Box 359, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. Attention: Fraser MacDonald, Planning Supervisor. Facsimile: (705) 286-6005. E-mail: eburke@county.haliburton.on.ca. General inquiries may be directed to Elinor Kernohan by calling 705-286-1541. Envelope should be clearly marked as to the position being applied for and submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2005.

We thank all applicants for applying, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.



NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE ROAD ALLOWANCE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: April 11th, 2005
TIME: any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are parts of original road allowances, allowances for road or shoreline road allowances, located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

1. Applicant: Mainville
Location: Blue Hawk Lake
 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 22, Concession 1, Township of Dysart.
 - Defined as Part 1 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.
2. Applicant: Municipality of Dysart et al
Location: Haliburton
 - Road Allowance on Registered Plan 525
 - Road Allowance for the twenty foot lane dedicated on Plan 525, In Lot 19, Concession 7, Township of Dysart

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portions of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 17th day of March, 2005.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P. R.P.P.
Municipal Planner



DARREN LUM/Echo

Jewellery Essentials instructor Jeffrey Ellis demonstrates technique, pounding a piece of metal last Thursday.

Welcome new season at Fleming open house

APRIL GATES

Special to the Echo

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 9. You won't want to miss the first Spring Open House event at Fleming's new Haliburton Campus. This is not only a chance to discover program options and tour the studios; students will be presenting their latest work at the Student Art Exhibition and Sale.

In addition, local potters will demonstrate their potting savvy while making Empty Bowls for an upcoming food bank fundraising event.

Through diligence and a great deal of hard work, many exciting new developments have transpired over the past year at Fleming College's Haliburton School of The Arts. The move to a stunning new campus coupled with the launching of innovative programs has been a monumental achievement that will encourage growth and education for years to come.

Jewellery students tinker and solder,

twist and meld, set jewels and stones, working fine metals into pieces of art. Glassblowing students wipe the sweat from their brows while blowing and turning molten sand into stunning forms and vessels that capture and play with light. These students are busy preparing for their upcoming Art Exhibition and Sale, a chance for everyone to celebrate their creative talent and hard work. Showcased pieces will include brooches, necklaces, chains, rings, pendants, bracelets, vases, glasses, bowls, paperweights, goblets and much more. There is even word of a collaborative glass and fine metal piece yet to be revealed.

Graduates from the fall certificate programs in Artist Blacksmithing, Textile Surface Design, and Drawing & Painting will also be present with samples of their works.

Eager to share their knowledge, students will host demonstrations in the glassblowing and jewellery studios,

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GIS Demonstration
at the County Administration Building
11 Newcastle Street, Minden
on Tuesday, April 5th, 2005
at 5:30 p.m.

Plan to attend and learn more about the County of Haliburton's Geographic Information System (GIS). The Economic Diversification Committee, as part of the regular meeting, will be viewing a demonstration on the web-based GIS application currently being developed.

There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions and consider options as to how this might eventually be used to assist in broader community and economic development. We would like your input as to how this might be of benefit to your business or organization.

For more information, please contact the County Office at 705-286-1333 or email jtousaw@county.haliburton.on.ca or jlougheed@county.haliburton.on.ca.

Empty bowl program supported by Fleming College

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while local potters will be busy in the Ceramics Studio creating vessels for the Empty Bowls fundraiser.
In the early '90s, a Michigan teacher was searching for a meaningful way to raise awareness in the classroom around the issues of local and global hunger. He had his

class make bowls in which a simple meal of soup would be served, raising funds for their local food bank. Since then, Empty Bowls has spread the world over, uniting potters and communities with hunger relief efforts.
At the end of the dinner, participants take their symbolic bowls home as a reminder of their contribution to

relief, while also reminding us that there are always Empty Bowls to be filled somewhere.
The Empty Bowls program is being supported by Fleming College, the 4Cs food bank and many clay-covered hands. The actual fundraising dinner will take place sometime in the fall at the new food bank facility that is being built by Fleming's leading-edge Sustainable Building Design and Construction program, the first of its kind in Canada.
The open house is Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m., 3 p.m., rain or shine. Organizers at the college look forward to seeing you there.
If you have any questions, please call April Gates at 457-1680.

DARREN LUM/Echo



April Gates is seeking help to fill the empty bowls around Haliburton County. A cooperative effort between the college and the local food bank is expected to change this situation.



NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT – SCHEDULE A THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST ROAD CROSSING REHABILITATION PROJECT

The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East conducts inspections on road crossings located within the Municipality every two years in accordance with Ontario Regulation 104/97, Standards for Bridges. Inspection procedures consist of a field examination of the bridge to assess performance of the structural components based on overall indications of defects, comparison of present condition to condition at previous inspection, and cursory assessment of present load carrying capacity.

The most recent inspection identified deficiencies with the Dillman Bridge and the Hadlington culvert crossing. The road crossings are located on Wilberforce Road and Hadlington Road respectively, and their locations are illustrated on the map provided.

As a result of the inspections, the Municipality, with the assistance of SGS Lakefield Research Limited, has initiated a Schedule A - Class Environmental Assessment to determine the most appropriate method to address the deficiencies. The Class Environmental Assessment establishes a self assessment process whereby municipal projects can be planned, designed, constructed, operated, maintained, rehabilitated, and retired without having to obtain project-specific approval under the Environmental Assessment Act.

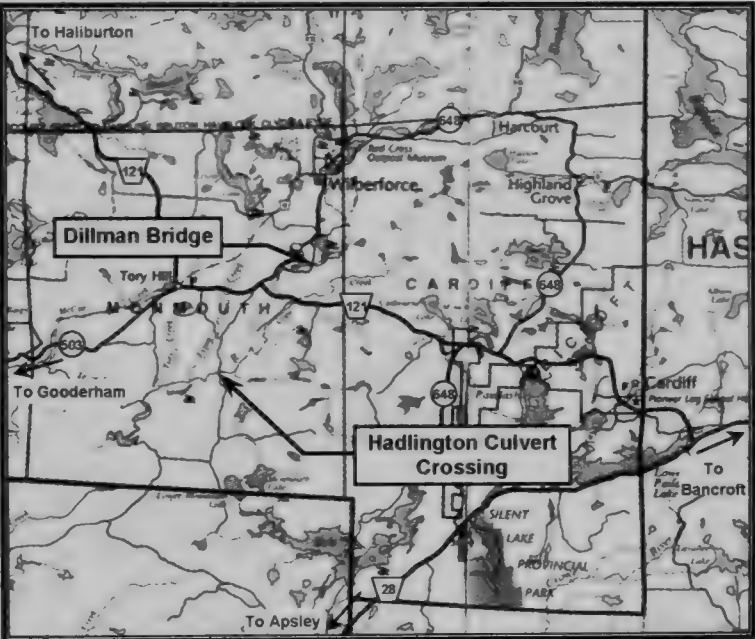
Schedule A - Class Environmental Assessment projects are limited in scale, have minimal adverse environmental impacts and include a number of municipal maintenance and operational activities. As such, these projects are pre-approved by the Minister of the Environment provided that all requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment are met. The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule A projects requires that the problem or opportunity, in this case structural deficiencies with two Municipal road crossings, be identified and documented.

Public consultation is not a mandatory component of a Schedule A - Class Environmental Assessment; however, the Municipality would like to ensure that ratepayers are adequately informed of the project so that any desire for further involvement throughout the project by interested parties can be ascertained early on in the process.

If you have any comments or concerns with respect to this study, or to obtain additional information regarding the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East Road Crossing Rehabilitation Project please contact:

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East
P.O. Box 295, County Road 648
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Ms. Heather Watson, MCIP RPP
Project Manager
SGS Lakefield Research Limited
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F (705) 652-0743
heather.watson@sgs.com



The Municipality of Dysart et al

Haliburton Highlands Museum Board of Management Appointment

The Haliburton Highlands Museum has an opening for a volunteer Board Member.
If you have an interest in serving on a committee whose mandate provides for the preservation and promotion of local heritage please provide a brief resume and/or statement indicating your interest.

Please submit to:
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Haliburton Highlands Museum
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MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

TWO (2) SUMMER STUDENTS ASSISTANT LANDFILL ATTENDANTS (Haliburton Site)

The Municipality requires two (2) students for the summer position of Assistant Landfill Attendant, from May through August, 2005 and from July through August, 2005 respectively. The work consists of 36 hours per week @ \$9.00 per hour and includes variable shifts.

Responsibilities will include the collection of tipping fees, directing the public on recycling programs and the proper disposal locations within the landfill site, as well as general cleanup around the site.

The successful applicants must be returning to school in September. Education in Environmental Studies would be considered an asset.

Recruitment is conditional on funding approval.

Applicants are invited to apply to the undersigned by noon, Monday, April 11th, 2005.

Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.
CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Dysart et al
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Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0
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Stuart Baker Elementary School Grade 1 student Sydney Feir reacts to her queen being captured in the second round. (Photos, Darren Lum.)



Stuart Baker Elementary School Grade 1 student Kyle Laverne holds his breath as Sydney Feir pauses before her move.

Checkmate!

Biggest ever Central Ontario chess tourney involves 300 kids in fast-paced action

BLAKE PATON

Special to the Echo

On Wednesday, March 23, chess players from as far away as Omemee, Lindsay and Huntsville met in Haliburton to decide the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Chess Championship.

The event involved 300 players in Grades 1 through 8 representing 17 schools from around the region, making this the largest ever chess tournament held anywhere in Central Ontario. The tournament was held in two separate rooms in order to accommodate all the players. The organizers would particularly like to thank the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 in Haliburton for their support of the tournament.

The action was fast-paced and the attacks were furious over the board throughout the day. One of the most exciting moments came at the end of the competition. A large Grade 6 group of 46 players required a sudden-death blitz game with 10-minute time controls to determine a champion.

Jacob Habmton and Eric Lienau (both of Scott Young Public School) squared off to battle it out for the trophy, with

Lienau eventually getting the better of his rival.

A tie in the Grade 1 division after five rounds forced a decisive match between Alexander Winter of Alexandra P.S. and Joseph Patrick of Stuart Baker Elementary School where Alex found a checkmate to take the title.

Other notable results included the repeat victories by Drew Paul and Shane Dibblee of J.Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Grades 7 and 8, and the second and third place finishes by the Hicks twins of JDHES in the Grade 4 contest.

The top three players in each grade qualified for the provincial championships which will be held in Toronto on April 17.

Team Standings (top four player results in best four divisions count):

J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, 65 points

Scott Young P.S.: 51.5 pts

Stuart Baker E.S.: 45.5 pts

Parkview Public School: 45 pts

Langton P.S.: 42.5 pts

Archie Stouffer E.S.: 41pts

Bracebridge P.S.: 41 pts

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Chess scores reveal local students fared well in competition

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Monck P.S.: 39.5 pts
 Lady Mackenzie P.S.: 34.5 pts
 Alexandra P.S.: 32.5 pts
 Ridgewood P.S.: 32.5
 Wilberforce E.S.: 29.5 pts
 Fenelon Township P.S.: 27 pts
 Central Senior: 8.5 pts

Individual results (*indicates qualifier for provincial championships)

Grade 1 (20 players)

1st Alexander Winter*, Alexandra P.S.

2nd Joseph Patrick*, SBES

3rd Ethan Cooper*, SBES

Grade 2 (22 players)

1st Tao Orion*, Lady Mackenzie P.S.

2nd Hunter Bishop*, SBES

3rd Jadon Bull*, SBES

Grade 3 (46 players)

1st Preston Roberts*, SBES

2nd Tom Paul*, SBES

3rd (tie) Nathan Feir, Spencer Trueman SBES

Grade 4 (46 players)

1st Jessica Duchene*, J.D. Hodgson Elementary

2nd Brigitta Hicks*, J.D. Hodgson Elementary

3rd Ali Hicks*, J.D. Hodgson Elementary

Grade 5 (45 players)

1st Shawn Kadwell*, J.D. Hodgson Elementary

2nd Lily Coneybear*, J.D. Hodgson Elementary

3rd Zachary Ritter*, Fenelon Township P.S.

Grade 6 (48 players)

1st Eric Lineau*, Scott Young P.S.

2nd Jacob Hambleton*, Scott Young P.S.

3rd Chris Judge*, J.D. Hodgson Elementary

Grade 7 (34 players)

1st Drew Paul*, J.D. Hodgson Elementary

2nd Caitlin Macnab*, Langton P.S.

3rd Johnnie Currie*, J.D. Hodgson Elementary

Grade 8 (35 players)

1st Shane Dibblee*, J.D. Hodgson Elementary

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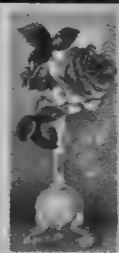
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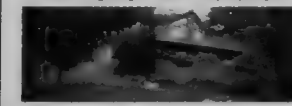
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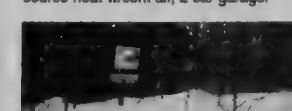
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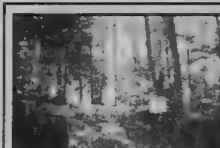


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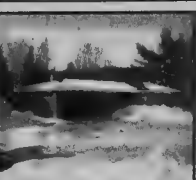


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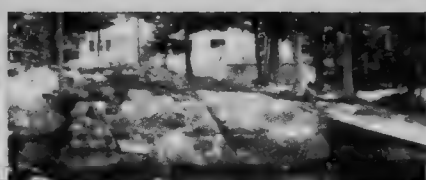
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NEIL ETIENNE/Bancroft This Week

Highlands East Councillor Rick Forget cooks up some flapjacks at the well-attended Wilberforce Maple Fest held on the weekend.

Food was fabulous at Maple Fest

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Thanks to lots of volunteer help at Maple Fest, the Recreation Committee was pleased that more than 350 people were served pancakes and sausages made extra delicious with Northern Gold maple syrup from Riley's Essonville operation. The Lloyd Watson hall was abuzz with people from early morning to 2 p.m. The Easter Bunny made the day fun, treating everyone to chocolate eggs. Among the interesting craft tables the United Church ladies' corner was especially inviting with a bake sale. Their basket of tea pot, cups and tea went home with Janet Barker.

Curling for the season draws to a close at the Wilberforce Club this week. The Seniors' League completes playoffs on Wednesday and will enjoy a social time over lunch. Vicky Shcherbak's team won the league championship quite handily. The Keith Cameron Bonspiel for men on April 1 and 2 will be the final curling event of the season. Awards Night Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, April 28 at the Club House.

The Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network is "an umbrella organization" dedicated to encouraging and promoting the art and skill of writing, fostering literacy and providing moral support to writers and editors. Two events held in March organized by HHWEN fulfilled these goals very well. Darren Lum, photographer and writer for the *Echo* presented a well received session about using digital cameras. The second event, a Writers' Round Table, featured Shirley McCormick, Michael Barnes and Dorothea Helms. Michael and Shirley, who live in this county, and Dorothea of Durham Region, who generously shared a little of their philosophy, lives and work as successful writers. Participants in these workshops appreciated the opportunities to learn, be motivated to write and to value their own work.

The next event presented by HHWEN will be of interest to people in Wilberforce. On Sat., April 16, Janis Cole will be featured in a session on screenwriting and creative non-fiction. Janis teaches in Toronto at the Ontario College of Art and Design and at York University. Her work includes writing scripts for TV documentaries. Janis and her dog, Groucho, have made their home in Wilberforce. The workshop will run from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Haliburton Campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College. For more information call Pauline at 489-3878 or e-mail info@hhwen.org and to register.

Seniors' Club meets at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Tuesdays beginning at noon. All seniors are welcome.

Have you marked April 8 or 9 on your calendar as a reminder to treat yourself to some local theatre? Yes, it's less than two weeks until the Loop Troupe stages its spring production. The two one-act plays will both be performed each night Fri., April 8 and Sat., April 9.

Both plays are about theatre. *Final Dress Rehearsal* will tickle your funny bone with the antics of a bunch of teenage players (plus 2 adults) playing a group of teenagers putting on Cinderella. So it's a play within a play. *The Audition is Over* deals with issues that arise in more serious theatre with some tense scenes. The theme of adults wanting to live their lives over again through their children and students could easily be applied in other areas such as sports. Tickets will be sold at the door: \$7 for adults, \$3 for children and students. Seating on a first-come basis. The shows start at 7:30 p.m.

There's a fine afternoon of music being presented by the Gooderham Community Action Group. Elva Bates tells us it is on Sunday, April 10, beginning at 3 p.m. at the Gooderham Community Centre. The program includes the Haliburton Concert Band, the Tri Vocals and the duo of Melissa Stevens, piano, and Dave Hawley on saxophone. Tickets are \$10.

Writers' Circle meets next at the Outpost on Thursday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All welcome.

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- **Mar. 30:** Wheels to Meals – Win Yeung at 12 noon. Community Care Haliburton County meets bi-weekly on Wednesdays at Win Yeung. Please RSVP by calling Aileen Bruce at 457-3375.
- **Apr. 2:** The Haliburton Figure Skating Club (Carnival Evening Performance) – Saturday, Apr. 2nd, 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Live Country Music band. Skating Show by the HFSC. Special Appearance by the Haliburton Twirlers. Tickets are available at Highland Images, Village Donuts and the Arena.
- **Apr. 2:** Maplefest – Sat., Apr. 2, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. "All you can Eat" Pancake/sausage brunch and bake sale, Lochlin United Church, Lochlin Road off County Road #1. The best deal in town!
- **Apr. 3:** The Haliburton Figure Skating Club (Carnival Matinee Performance) – Sunday, Apr. 3rd, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Live Country Music band. Skating Show by the HFSC. Special Appearance by the Haliburton Twirlers. Tickets are available at Highland Images, Village Donuts and the Arena.
- **Apr. 5:** Free Grocery Store Tour. 1 p.m. or 5:15 p.m. Confused about what foods to buy? Join Rosie Kadwell, Registered Dietitian who will teach you how to make healthy food choices. Learn about best buys and how to read food labels. For more information or to sign up call 457-1391 ext. 245.
- **Apr. 6:** Building Your Organization. The Kawartha Lakes Funding Network and the Kawartha Lakes Association for Volunteer Administration are offering a full day program including effective proposal writing, partnership building and volunteer development for a fee, including lunch. Call (705) 324-9411 ex. 283 for cost, registration or more info.
- **Apr. 7:** Wheels to Meals – Minden Legion at 12 noon. Join Community Care Haliburton County for a great meal and social interaction with other seniors. This group will welcome you with open arms. To register, please call Myrtle Bouthorn at 754-1711.
- **Apr. 7:** Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza), in partnership with the HKPR Health Unit, is offering a Free Developmental Screening Clinic On Thurs., Apr. 7, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Please call 457-2989 to register.
- **Apr. 8:** Wheels to Meals – Martinwood at 12 noon. Join Community Care Haliburton County. A monthly get together at this Harcourt resort. A great way to spend your afternoon. To register, please call Eileen Knox at 448-2596.
- **Apr. 9:** Spaghetti Night fundraiser for the Gelert Community Centre Sat., April 9 at 5 p.m. at Kinmount Legion. For more information call 286-2423.
- **Apr. 10:** Gooderham Community Action Group presents "A Spring Musical Interlude" featuring: The Haliburton Concert Band, Melissa Stevens/Dave Hawley Duo, The Tri-Vocals at Gooderham Community Centre. Sun., Apr. 10th at 3 p.m. Tickets available at: Gooderham Post Office, Cranberry Cottage. Also available at the door. Call 447-2977 for info.
- **Apr. 13:** Wheels to Meals – Win Yeung at 12 noon. Community Care Haliburton County meets bi-weekly on Wednesdays at Win Yeung. Please RSVP by calling Aileen Bruce at 457-3375.
- **Apr. 13:** Ontario Early Years Centre is offering a Free Wilberforce Cooking Corner program. Held at Lloyd Watson Community Centre on Wed., Apr. 13 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Call 457-2989 to register.
- **Apr. 13:** The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will hold their regular meeting Wed., Apr. 13, upstairs at the Minden Legion. Doors open at 6 p.m. The Speaker will be Marjorie Ludlow Green, local Author, Editor and Educator. Refreshments available. Everyone welcome. No charge. For more details call Gail Leach-Wunker 286-2225.

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- **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636, Minden** holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., except for the months of January and February.
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To our family and friends who have proven once again that we can count on them to be there for us whenever we have needed them, to Kelly who was able to step in and take over all that needed to be done and continues to be by our side whenever we need her. To Denis' grandmother who gave him unconditional love and friendship and for all her help both before and after. To his grandfather Gary and Buela who drove from Kentucky to help us through this terrible time. To his grandparents Mae and Bernard, his aunts and uncles, Jim and Janice, Kelly and Peter, Robin and Ed, John and Diane, his Godparents Sue and Kevin and his many cousins for all your love and help. To Jimmy Abbott who even at the worst times could bring a smile and laughter to Denis' and our faces. To Gary and Jackie who helped out immensely and were a constant presence, your friendship means more now than ever. To Kim Bagshaw and all her family for all they have done and to Shane for being a true friend. To Dr. Ferracuti for all he has done and continues to do. To Father Tony for his service and to Derek and Lindsay for their poems and to the pall bearers. To Barry and Kirsten and staff from Gord Monk Funeral Home, you did everything we wanted in a professional but caring manner. To the ladies of Our Lady of Fatima for the wonderful lunch after the service. Thank you to anyone who could look and always see the real Denis, the best son, brother and friend. We have appreciated all that everyone has done and continues to do. We have lost so much with the death of our son and brother. We struggle everyday, if love could have saved him he never would have died. We have to console ourselves by knowing that he is at peace.

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Monday, March 21, 2005,
In his 81st year.

Predeceased by his wife Opal May Groshaw. Dear father of Donna (Glen) Barry of Stoney Creek and Dennis (Dianne) Groshaw of Kelowna, B.C. Loving Grandfather of Tanya (Mike) Bell, Jan (Michelle) Groshaw, Susanne (Mitch) Boutaud, Michelle (Jeff) Chrysler and Jason Barry and survived by 9 great grandchildren. Loving companion of Leta Mott. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Saturday, April 2, 2005 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1:00 p.m. Reception to follow in the Family Centre. Spring Interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. CA

460 OBITUARIES

**AT REST
NORMAN ALFRED BARRY**
Suddenly on Wednesday, March
23, 2005 at the Royal Victoria
Hospital, Barrie,
In his 73rd year.

Beloved husband of Jean of West Guilford, dear father of Mark and his wife Lisa of West Guilford, predeceased by Kim. Loving grandfather of Terry, Sheri-Lynn, Tice and Randy. Dear brother of Albert and predeceased by Gordon, Reta, Ann, Bill and Walter. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Friday, March 25 from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Saturday, March 26 at 11:00 a.m. Spring Interment at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. CA

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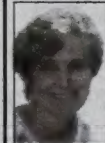
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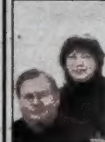
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\$218,000



LAKE VIEW COUNTRY HOME

Spacious! Spotless! Secluded! 4 bdrm brick & cedar Viceroy-2500 sq ft in area of fine homes. Ideal for entertaining. Watch the sunsets over the lake from sunken fam rm & solarium kit. Formal LR/DR, fr doors, cath cells, cent air, cent vac, new roof. Close Village... Call Elizabeth.

\$299,900



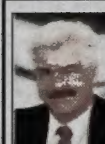
Vince Duchene**
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WATERFRONT HOME/COTTAGE

On Monrook Lake abutting Crown land! This property boasts many extras including full finished basement, ceramic floors, sunroom, sauna & a 2 bedroom guest cabin.



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Outstanding executive home with features that include spacious open concept living rm with cathedral ceilings, sun porch, dining rm, FP in family rm, MBR ensuite, 4 bedrooms, oak floors, attached garage, beautiful view over Head lake, access & dock at lake, a must see!

\$399,900



3 LAKE CHAIN

Miles of boating on Redstone Lake. Spotless custom-built cedar home/cottage, open bright kitchen with island & dining area, w/o living rm w/cathedral ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 24'x28' finished garage & open finished loft, very private setting, sand shoreline.

\$329,000



Lenor Fulton*
Tracy Ackerblade*
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Parklike setting at Minden Whitewater Preserve. Immaculate 4 bedroom Viceroy home/cottage with large windows & sunroom on 155' of lakefront, complete w/dock, central heat & vacuum. Airtight stove in sunken living rm. Dbl size garage/workshop.



Asking \$399,900

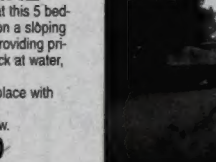


Melanie Vigrass*
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MINDEN LAKE

Entertain family and friends at this 5 bedroom & bunkie cottage, set on a sloping lot with tall pines & spruce providing privacy. Features incl: large dock at water, sand shoreline, wraparound deck and fireplace with insert.

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Julie Gray*

REDSTONE LAKE

This unique property set back on quiet bay of famous Redstone, boasts 33.33 acres w/200' frtg on the lk & approx 800' on the river, yr round sounds of waterfall. Has nearly 4000 sq ft of living space, incl an amazing kitchen, 3 full baths, 3 BR, 360 degree wrap around covered deck +++many extras.

\$895,000



SOYERS LAKE

Extraordinary location & view w/great privacy! Add to this a brand new custom finished chalet style 5 BR, 4 bath home, what more could you ask for? Great rm w/floor to ceiling windows, stone FP, hardwood fl & kitchen cabinetry, sunroom, master ensuite w/w/o to deck. Sep guest quarters w/ensuite. Call for more details. Fin. lower level w/w/o to lake.

\$699,000



Bill Kulas*

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Linda Beachli***
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2700 sq. ft., 4 bdrm., architecturally designed, timber sided country home. Open concept with great room, dining room & kitchen flowing around the large stone 2 storey fireplace. Cedar deck balcony off upstairs bdrm.

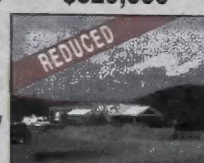
\$469,000



HWY #118

This property is situated on 6.7 acres on Hwy. 118. The 9894 sq. ft. building consists of 6213 sq. ft. for parts & service, a 2116 sq. ft. mezzanine, a 3 bdrm apt. and a large parking lot.

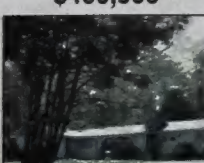
\$529,000



COUNTY ROAD 1

High profile location opposite hospital and new medical clinic. This expansive 1400 sq. ft. home & double car garage is situated on 7 acres of property that has a special mixed zoning use.

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COMMERCIAL

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Peter Brady**
457-1011

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